

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes
October 19, 2005
Conference Call

Members Present: Helen Jones, President
Spencer Ellis, Vice President
Jim Mickelson
David Graham
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture

Youth Leadership Advisory: David Largent

Members Absent: Gene Hardy
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture
Lee Otto
Emily Horton
Leif Udem
Ben Way, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ellis at 8:08 a.m. on October 19, 2005.

Updates

Age Verification Meeting- meeting to begin at 1 p.m. today in the Department Conference Room.

Big Horn Basin – There will be a meeting coming up soon as a follow-up to the Bio-diesel meeting held last week. Jim Schwartz will keep members updated on those meetings.

Capitol Construction- At the meeting with the committee last week, the construction of the stalling bars was approved, but not the equestrian center. Jim Schwartz indicated there would be continued work with the Appropriations Committee because there was community support and possible up to 2 million in funding support. The structural steel is up on the building that was destroyed.

Wild Horses-The gather on the Green Mountain Allotment will begin soon and they will be pulling about 500 head from that herd.

Bark Beetle- Jim Schwartz got a call from Dave Flitner at Shell Canyon and he said they he and the Forest Service are trying to control the beetle, but BLM is not doing anything. Jim Schwartz said he'd be looking at this and following up.

Feedlots – As a follow-up to the Bio-diesel meeting, Jim Schwartz and Jim Kintz met with Erv Petsch in Torrington regarding the use of the pulp left after the extraction of oil from the oilseed crops.

Joint Ag Committee - Meeting in Powell on October 27 and 28. Agenda was emailed to members. They will also be sponsoring a bill regarding the age limits on the PRCA sponsored rodeo at State Fair. Terry Cleveland is in support of the predator bill.

Conference call time – Frank Galey said he is now free on Wednesday's to participate in the conference calls. He also asked that the letters being sent to Dr. Buchanan regarding support for ag programs, vacant positions, etc. be stopped if possible. He feels the college president is more supportive of ag than the past president and that he is trying to add some additional positions in key areas of the state. He also asked for the members' support of the new president.

Liaison positions – Helen reminded David Largent of the upcoming Beef Council meeting. A few of the members do not remember ever receiving the liaison position sheet sent a couple of weeks ago so Muff will resend it to each member.

Russian Olive – There is some talk of this species be added to the state list of weeds. If it is added, the board would like to find out what impact that will have on the already stretched budgets of the county weed and pest districts. Last year is missed being passed by the council by one vote.

The members decided to have a meeting in conjunction with the Joint Ag Committee meeting in Powell October 27 and 28, 2005

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m. by Spencer Ellis.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Jones, President

Date